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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING

Time: 9:30 a.m.; January 27, 1970

Place: Little Courtroom, Carbon County Courthouse, Price, Utah

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Waterman. John Bene, Deputy State Engineer, turned the meeting over to Don Norseth, Distribution Engineer, from the State Engineer's Office, and he took over as the secretary for the Price River Water Users Association and took the record and minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Norseth had an open discussion on the water prospects for the coming year and read the record on water storage in a number of storage reservoirs in the state. Holdover storage in all reservoirs of the state were reported to be well above normal.

Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no additions, alterations or corrections made in the minutes. A motion was made by Carlyle Pace that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion seconded by Walter Borla - motion carried.

Financial report on the Price River System was read by Frank Reese, Controller from the State Engineer's Office.

The only item of the budget that was over expended was the matching fund for state retirement; the rate was increased by the State of Utah during the year.

Forty-four hundred dollars (\$4400.00) was withdrawn from the Bank Reserves and Time Certificates were purchased from Walker Bank, drawing 5% interest compounded quarterly. The Certificates were purchased in the name of Price River Distribution System and deposited in a safety deposit box #440, Walker Bank, Price, Utah. The two authorized signatures on the Certificates are John Bene and George Waterman. The interest on the bonds are deposited to the operating account of the Price River Distribution System and is used to pay some of the current expenses on the system that are not included in the budget.

Next item of business was setting up the new budget for the year 1970. A tentative budget was set up by the water users and the secretary in a previous meeting and submitted to the water users by the Chairman for their approval. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Rex Mathis that the budget suggested be accepted for the year 1970. Motion seconded by William Marsing and motion carried.

Chairman Waterman commented that some of the water users thought the travel expenses were higher than they thought it should be. The River Commissioner was admonished to make only trips that he thought absolutely necessary for his work on the river.

The approved budget was set up as follows:

- (1) Commissioners Salary - \$2700.00
- 1-c Matching Social Security 130.00
- 1-e Matching State Retirement 115.00
- (2) Commissioners Travel Expense 1400.00
- @ 10¢ mile

(3) Annual Report (1970)	\$150.00
(4) Bond and Insurance	25.00
(5) Miscellaneous Expenses	530.00

Total 1970 budget	<u>\$5050.00</u>
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Motion was made by James Faucett that the assessment be made to lower the budget of \$5050.00. Motion seconded by Carlyle Pace. Motion carried.

Budget was reduced by \$1473.00 from the previous year.

A discussion was had by the group on the future of the snow measuring program and that the water users furnished a man to help make the snow measurements last month. The Soil Conservation Service has again requested that the water users furnish a man to help make the measurements. The State Engineer's men reported that the State of Utah has not cut their contributions to Snow Survey Program. The State Engineer's Office contributes ~~\$2500.00~~ <sup>16,500.00</sup> annually to the snow survey program.

The secretary reported that the gauging station on the Gooseberry Tunnel Ditch is in and functional; and that the U.S.G.S. is keeping the records.

The river commissioner read highlights from his annual report. Figures are in printed form and can be obtained from his report by those people who are interested.

Chairman Waterman read Dave Rowley's application for the commissioner's job. (Note: Mr. Rowley's application was the only one received.)

Rex Mathis made a motion that Dave Rowley be recommended for reappointment for the year 1970. Motion was seconded by Walter Borla. Motion carried.

Mr. Norseth stated that as Distribution Engineer from the State Engineer's Office he would recommend that Dave Rowley be reappointed as River Commissioner on Price River for 1970.

Chairman Waterman brought up the matter of Mr. Pete Frandsen's change application above Scofield Reservoir and that an official protest has been filed by E. J. Skeen, Attorney for both the reservoir and primary water users on Price River.

Mr. Bene, Deputy State Engineer, explained that the Area Engineer has merely accepted Mr. Frandsen's water users claim which means nothing until a public protest meeting is held, the priority of the water right established and the decree signed by the judge of the District Court. There has been no meeting set before the State Engineer on this change application to date. On the date the hearing is set on this change application all interested parties on both sides will be given an opportunity to be heard. As of now there has not been a water right established.

Deputy State Engineer stated that the matter of the Oman diversion out of Beaver Creek into Gordon Creek should be settled in the pending adjudication on Price River.

Having gone through the regular order of business a motion to adjourn was made by Lyle Bryner and seconded by Albert Thayne. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The following people were present:

Don Norseth  
John Bene  
Lamont Gardner  
Ken McKinney  
Frank Reese  
G. W. Waterman  
Dave Rowley  
E. O. Jackson  
Rex Mathis  
Carlyle Pace  
Lyle Bryner  
Wm. Marsing  
Albert Thayn  
Thomas F. Quayle  
J. Golden Haight  
R. J. Bowen  
Walter L. Borla  
Jim Faucett

Division of Water Rights  
Deputy State Engineer  
Price Area Office  
Price Area Engineer  
Comptroller  
Chairman, Price River System  
Commissioner  
Spring Glen Canal  
Price River Water User's Assn.  
Price Water Company  
Price River Water User's Assn.  
Carbon Canal  
Wellington Canal Company  
Price-Wellington Canal Water Master  
Utah Power and Light  
N. S. Steel  
Bryner-Hansen Ditch Company  
Gordon Creek

Secretary

  
John Bene